

I have been a flight attendant for a "major" airline for 21 years. I've seen firsthand how disruptive cell phones can be as they are now used on the ground at the gate (can't get the attention of the pax in the exit rows to brief them per FAA mandates) and as we exit the taxiway inbound to the arrival gate (if there were an emergency, getting the attention of anyone on a phone would be futile). Even now, it's difficult inflight to make sure they aren't transmitting or receiving, not to mention the "nuisance factor" of in the future having to listen to someone sitting next to you and their "important conversation" for 2 hours or more. We have phones onboard the aircraft for "important calls" that just can't wait 2 hours to be made. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS BILL PASS. It is not necessary to the safety and wellbeing of the passengers OR the working crews.